

Good morning, everyone, my name is Duvine Beebe, and this is my conservative point of view on why I support the reasonings why government assistance should only be provided to recipients who are actively looking for work.

Government assistance should serve as a safety net, not a way of life. Providing unemployment benefits, food assistance, and welfare without requiring recipients to actively seek work creates dependency, discourages self-sufficiency, and places an unfair burden on hardworking taxpayers([Heritage Foundation](#)). Welfare should incentivize productivity, not idleness.

America was built on the principles of personal responsibility and free enterprise. When benefits are handed out unconditionally, they distort these values, creating a system where some take while others work to fund it([Heritage Foundation](#)). Studies show that work requirements increase employment and reduce long-term dependency on government aid. In states that have reinstated work mandates, welfare rolls have shrunk, and individuals have transitioned into the workforce, improving their financial independence([Heritage Foundation](#)).

Let us not forget that welfare was meant to be temporary. By ensuring that able-bodied recipients actively seek employment, we uphold the dignity of work and maintain fairness for taxpayers. Government assistance should be a bridge to employment, not a replacement for it([CBPP](#)).

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